# NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION END OF YEAR REPORT CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 106 I-97933712

#### Introduction:

A Clean Water Act, Section 106 grant award is made annually to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Quality Planning. A portion of the 106 grant funds are awarded to the NDEP Bureau of Water pollution Control in a separate grant for stormwater inspection activities. This review covers stormwater activities performed by the Bureau of Water Pollution Control during SFY15 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) and funded with FY14 CWA 106 funds.

These 106 funds support Nevada's program for inspection of the Phase I permitted stormwater facilities. The Bureau of Water Pollution Control Grant Agreement covers a budget and project period of 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2015. The required match under CWA 106 is an MOE level established during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971. The match activities are also part of the stormwater inspection activities but are included in the CWA 106 grant to the Bureau of Water Quality Planning. This review includes the CWA 106 stormwater inspection activities and the match stormwater inspection activities. This review was completed off-site.

## Results of Review with Recommendations (success and findings):

- 1. All tasks funded for SFY15 have been completed or are underway.
- 2. Equipment purchases for items costing more than \$5,000 using FY14 funds were not requested/approved. Equipment costing less than \$5,000 was approved. Approved equipment includes field equipment (field tablet devices, mobile phone, etc). According to the Compass Data Warehouse, \$0 remains available for this grant.
- 3. Programmatic terms and conditions have been met.
- 4. Programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements have been met.

### Successes:

The following are the State's CWA 106 BWPC grant workplan commitments and the current progress:

1. Report the number of permitted facilities, number of sites inspected, and list of sites inspected per year. (complete)

There were a total of 2311 combined stormwater permits in the State of Nevada in SFY15. NDEP committed to a 10% annual inspection target. The following inspections were completed:

Construction: 1502 permittees, 773 inspected, 51%

Industrial: 714 permittees, 82 inspected, 12%

Mining: 57 permittees, 8 inspected, 14%

Large MS4s are inspected/audited once every 5 years. NDEP conducted 1 MS4 Audits in SFY15: Nellis AFB.

2. Attend meetings with local agencies and provide technical assistance. (complete)

Staff attended local agency meetings to stay current of issues and provide compliance and technical assistance. A list of meeting attended in SfY15 was submitted. A number of meetings were held on the Truckee Meadows' MS4 to provide technical assistance.

3. Provide compliance/technical assistance, and applicable enforcement for permitted sites in a timely and appropriate manner. (complete and ongoing)

Compliance and technical assistance is provided to permittees on request and during on-site inspections. NDEP sponsored/presented at the Clark County Tri-State Seminar, the Clark and Washoe county Stormwater Training for Contractors and the Washoe and Lyon County Stormwater Training.

- **4.** Evaluate program data for effectiveness of the compliance assistance program. (complete) During SFY15, two permits were accelerated to an enforcement action. One resulted in settlement with a supplemental environmental project in lieu of fine and the other included a FOAV and Order with no fine.
- **5.** Review Phase I submitted Annual Reports large MS4 permits. (complete) The Las Vegas Valley MS4 Annual Report was reviewed.
- 6. Provide feedback to NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control. (ongoing)
  During the monthly staff meetings and/or permit specific meetings, feedback on annual reports and inspection findings are shared with the appropriate Permits Branch staff.
- 7. Attend at least one EPA or Industry conference annually. (completed)
  Staff attends conferences and trainings each year that focus on current and upcoming stormwater technologies. This allows NDEP to pass on information regarding technologies to permittees. A list of trainings was provided in the annual report.
- 8. Continue to implement the Nevada Stormwater Circuit Rider Program. (complete)

  NDEP provides contract funding to support the Stormwater Circuit Rider Program. Outreach through the Circuit Rider Program will result in improved compliance within both the regulated and non-regulated community.

Finding: NDEP performed satisfactorily.

## **Resolution Plan and Timing**

None

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